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RE: Serial No. 09/900,567, Filed on July 6, 2001  
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**COMMENTS:**

Examiner Maier:

Per our conversation, attached find an Amendment pertaining to the above identified application.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(a)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2003 and the  
Advisory Action mailed November 26, 2003 for the above-captioned  
application, please amend the above-referenced application as  
follows and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.